

# HOUSE BILL No. 1149

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 9-21-5-2.

**Synopsis:** Speed limit for larger motor vehicles. Provides that the maximum speed limit for a vehicle having a declared gross weight greater than 26,000 pounds operated on a highway that is: (1) on the national system of interstate and defense highways located outside an urbanized area (as defined in 23 U.S.C. 101) with a population of at least 50,000; or (2) the responsibility of the Indiana finance authority; is 70 miles per hour. (Current law provides that the speed limit for those vehicles is 65 miles per hour.)

**Effective:** July 1, 2014.

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January 13, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 9-21-5-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2006,  
2 SECTION 163, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 2. Except when a special hazard  
4 exists that requires lower speed for compliance with section 1 of this  
5 chapter, the slower speed limit specified in this section or established  
6 as authorized by section 3 of this chapter is the maximum lawful speed.  
7 A person may not drive a vehicle on a highway at a speed in excess of  
8 the following maximum limits:  
9 (1) Thirty (30) miles per hour in an urban district.  
10 (2) Fifty-five (55) miles per hour, except as provided in  
11 subdivisions (1), (3), (4), (5), **and** (6). ~~and (7):~~  
12 (3) Seventy (70) miles per hour on a highway on the national  
13 system of interstate and defense highways located outside of an  
14 urbanized area (as defined in 23 U.S.C. 101) with a population of  
15 at least fifty thousand (50,000). ~~except as provided in subdivision~~  
16 ~~(4):~~



(4) Sixty-five (65) miles per hour for a vehicle (other than a bus) having a declared gross weight greater than twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds on a highway on the national system of interstate and defense highways located outside an urbanized area (as defined in 23 U.S.C. 101) with a population of at least fifty thousand (50,000).

(5) (4) Sixty-five (65) miles per hour on:

(A) U.S. 20 from the intersection of U.S. 20 and County Road 17 in Elkhart County to the intersection of U.S. 20 and U.S. 31 in St. Joseph County;

(B) U.S. 31 from the intersection of U.S. 31 and U.S. 20 in St. Joseph County to the boundary line between Indiana and Michigan; and

(C) a highway classified by the Indiana department of transportation as an INDOT Freeway.

(6) (5) Seventy (70) miles per hour on a highway that is the responsibility of the Indiana finance authority established by IC 4-4-11.

(A) seventy (70) miles per hour for:

(i) a motor vehicle having a declared gross weight of not more than twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds; or

(ii) a bus; or

(B) sixty-five (65) miles per hour for a motor vehicle having a declared gross weight greater than twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds.

(7) (6) Sixty (60) miles per hour on a highway that:

(A) is not designated as a part of the national system of interstate and defense highways;

(B) has four (4) or more lanes;

(C) is divided into two (2) or more roadways by:

(i) an intervening space that is unimproved and not intended for vehicular travel;

(ii) a physical barrier; or

(iii) a dividing section constructed to impede vehicular traffic; and

(D) is located outside an urbanized area (as defined in 23 U.S.C. 101) with a population of at least fifty thousand (50,000).

(8) (7) Fifteen (15) miles per hour in an alley.

